

# POINTS OF INTEREST IN PERTH

The historic Town of Perth, seat of the County of Lanark and "Hub of the Rideau Lakes," for within 50 miles of this town can be found a total of over 100 lakes making it a literal vacation paradise.

Enjoying this great advantage endowed by nature, coupled with the fact that it enjoys a unique historical position, it has become Eastern Ontario's leading Tourist centre.

Since the town was founded by veterans of the War of 1812, it was primarily a military settlement, but with the terrific influx of Scottish and Irish pioneers in later years it grew into a great natural endowment as a tourist centre has become farming centre and industrial town. In late years, however, its great natural endowment as a tourist centre has become evident and today it enjoys the position of the tourist capital of Eastern Ontario.

Many people visiting Perth each year have asked to know something of the points of interest in town, and for this reason data has been made available.

**TOWN HALL**—Although not the oldest, one of the the most imposing buildings in Perth is the Town Hall, located on Gore St., in almost the centre of the town. This sturdy, stone building was erected in 1863, and like many of the older buildings in town was constructed from a cream coloured freestone (Potsdam Sandstone) which was quarried near the town. It houses the Council Chambers, Clerk's Office, Police Offices, the Public Utilities Commission, and the complete top floor is occupied by a spacious auditorium.

**BAND STAND**—Just to the rear of the Town Hall, and on the same property, is the Town Bandstand where concerts are held by the Citizen's Band on Summer evenings for the enjoyment of music lovers.

**THE JOHN A. STEWART MEMORIAL PARK**—A must for visitors to Perth is a visit to the John A. Stewart Memorial Park, rated as one of the finest town parks in Canada, located on the banks of the Tay, behind the Town Hall. It is a beautiful piece of property, expertly cared for and always open to the public.

**THE SWIMMING POOL**—The Town Swimming Pool is located next to the Stewart Park at a point where the Tay joins the canal and because of its position has two natural pools, one shallow and in slow moving water for the beginners, and a larger one, complete with swimming apparatus for the more experienced swimmers. The pool is under constant supervision by an experienced lifeguard. The water is always flowing and pro-

vides a cool escape from the hot weather.

**THE KIDDIES' PLAYGROUND**—At the rear of the swimming pool is the Kiddies' Playground built by a local service club, and complete with all playground equipment, including a small pool, slides and swings. Children may be left here, and are under constant supervision, while parents shop in town.

**THE PERTH MUSEUM**—No visit to Perth would be complete without an inspection of the Perth Museum, considered one of the finest small town museums in Canada. It occupies the top floor of the Public Library building opposite the Town Hall, and is open for inspection on week day afternoon. The greater part of the exhibits deal with local history, Canadian wild-life and minerals.

**THE LAST DUEL**—One of the most romantic, the last, and the most publicized duels ever fought in Canada took place on the banks of the Tay River, on the south eastern edge of the town. The combat between two law students, Robert Lyon and John Wilson took place on June 13, 1883, the cause being a lady. It was fought with pistols, and when the battle smoke had cleared, one of the men, Lyon, lay mortally wounded on the ground. The victor, Wilson, later became a Superior Court Judge.

Robert Lyon was buried in the Church of England plot of an old cemetery on No. 15 Highway within the limits of the town, and his headstone and grave remains to this day a point of interest in Perth.

**THE BIG CHEESE**—In the year 1893, the Dominion of Canada carried out one of its greatest pieces of advertising, when the Mammoth Cheese, weighing 11 tons was manufactured at Perth, for exhibition at the Chicago World's Fair of that year. The cheese was processed at the various mills in this district and brought to Perth, taking nearly three days to father the necessary materials. At a cheese factory near the CPR station it was pressed into a great mould and loaded onto a freight car for transportation to the fair.

To day, near the station, is a huge replica of the giant cheese which was believed to have done more for the promotion of the cheese industry in Canada than any other piece of advertising before or since.

**INDUSTRIAL PLANTS**—Because of the strength of its industries, Perth has successfully withstood the depressions and wars, and the townspeople are justly proud of them. The Andrew Jergens and The John H. Woodbury firm, a cosmetic manufacturing plant, The Henry K. Wampole Co., a drug

firm, the Perth Shoe Co., manufacturers of Dr. Locke Shoes, The Tayside Textiles, woollen manufacturers, The Code Felt and Knitting Co., felt and sock manufacturers, are all located in Perth as well as several smaller firms.

Visitors are welcome to inspect these buildings, and visiting hours may be arranged.

**HOMES**—There are many old and beautiful private homes in Perth, and a drive through the residential sections of the town will prove an enjoyable trip. Many beautiful hand cut stones may be seen in the old architecture.

**THE LINKS 'O TAY GOLF CLUB**—On a beautiful scenic location on the western edge of Perth is the Link O' Tay Golf Club, considered one of the finest nine-hole courses in Canada. Visiting golfers are welcome to the club, and many take advantage of this offer each year.

If visitors are interested in any other subject Perth in all probability can provide it, and information can be obtained from the Secretary of the Perth Chamber of Commerce in the Town Hall Building, Perth, or you will find any resident of the town, only too pleased to help you, in any way.

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